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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 9, 2001

JOINT APPLICATION OF

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER CO., INC. CASE NO. PUE000742

and

WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY, INC.

For authority to acquire and to dispose of utility assets pursuant to the Transfers Act and for certificates of public convenience and necessity

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On December 15, 2000, Wildwood Forest Water Co., Inc.

("Wildwood Forest"), and Wildwood Water Company, Inc. ("Wildwood Water" or the "Company") (collectively, the "Applicants"),

completed their application initially filed on October 6, 2000.

In their application, Wildwood Forest and Wildwood Water request authority pursuant to the Transfers Act, Chapter 5 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, for Wildwood Water to acquire and for Wildwood Forest to dispose of its water facility assets. The Applicants also request, pursuant to §§ 56-265.2 and 56-265.3, certificates of public and convenience for Wildwood Water to acquire the above-referenced assets and to provide water service to the residents of a subdivision known as Wildwood Forest located in Culpeper County, Virginia.

In addition, Applicants request approval of Wildwood
Water's proposed rates, rules, and regulations of service. the
Company's proposed rates are the same as Wildwood Forest's
current rates and are as follows:

WATER RATES

- 1. Basic service Fee: \$16.00 per month
- 2. Usage Fee: \$ 2.50 per 1,000 gallons
- 3. Minimum Charge:

There shall be a monthly minimum service charge of \$16.00, and a bill will not be rendered for less than the minimum charge. This charge is only for vacant residences not subject to the usage fee.

Bills for water service shall be rendered monthly in arrears rather than the current semi-annual basis.

Wildwood Water proposes a late payment charge of 1 1/2% per month for bills not timely paid; a customer deposit equal to a customer's estimated liability for two months' usage; and a \$6.00 bad check charge. The Company also proposes a \$25.00 charge to restore water service if such service has been discontinued for violation of the Company's rules and regulations of service or for non-payment of any bill. In addition, Wildwood Water proposes a \$15.00 fee (actual cost) to test a meter unless the meter is found to have an average error greater than two percent.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the application and applicable law, is of the opinion that the matter should be docketed, notice should be given, and interested persons should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter shall be docketed as Case No. PUE000742.
- (2) Applicants shall make a copy of the application and exhibits available for public inspection during regular business hours at Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia 22701.
- (3) Applicants shall respond to written interrogatories within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of same. Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules").
- (4) On or before February 1, 2001, Applicants shall mail the following notice (bill inserts are acceptable) to all of their customers in Culpeper County, Virginia.

NOTICE OF JOINT APPLICATION OF WILDWOOD FOREST WATER CO., INC., AND WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE AND TO DISPOSE OF UTILITY ASSETS PURSUANT TO THE TRANSFERS ACT AND FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

CASE NO. PUE000742

Notice hereby is given that Wildwood Forest Water Co., Inc. ("Wildwood Forest"), and Wildwood Water Company, Inc. ("Wildwood Water" or the "Company"), (collectively, the "Applicants") completed their application

initially filed on October 6, 2000. In their application, Wildwood Forest and Wildwood Water request authority pursuant to the Transfers Act for Wildwood Water to acquire and for Wildwood Forest to dispose of its water assets. Applicants also request certificates of public convenience and necessity for Wildwood Water to acquire the above-referenced water assets and to provide water service to residents of the Wildwood Forest subdivision located in Culpeper County, Virginia.

The Applicants also request approval of Wildwood Water's proposed rates, rules, and regulations of service. The Company's proposed rates are the same as Wildwood Forest's current rates and are as follows:

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meter is found to have an average error greater than two percent.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection during regular business hours at Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia 22701. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 A.M to 5:00 P.M., at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Any person wishing to comment on the application or request a hearing may do so on or before February 22, 2001, by addressing such comments or requests to: Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000742. A copy of the comments or requests for hearing must also be sent to: David K. Travers, President, Wildwood Water Company, Inc., 8284 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, Virginia 22701. Requests for hearing shall state why a hearing is necessary and why such issues cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

If no sufficient request for hearing is received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held, and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER CO., INC., AND WILDWOOD WATER COMPANY, INC.

(5) Applicants forthwith shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or

equivalent officials in the counties, towns, or cities having alternate forms of government) lying within Wildwood Water's proposed service area. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

- (6) On or before February 22, 2001, Applicants shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (4) and (5).
- (7) On or before February 22, 2001, any interested person wishing to comment on the application shall address such comments to: Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000742. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to Applicants as follows: David K. Travers, President, Wildwood Water Company, Inc., 8204 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, Virginia 22701.
- (8) On or before February 22, 2001, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request for hearing in writing with: Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia, and shall refer to Case No. PUE000742. A copy of such request simultaneously shall be sent to Applicants as follows: David K. Travers, President, Wildwood Water

Company, Inc., 8204 James Madison Highway, Rapidan, Virginia 22701.

- (8) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall review the application and shall submit, on or before March 15, 2001, a report presenting their findings and recommendations.
- (9) On or before March 23, 2001, Applicants and interested persons shall file a response, if any, to the Staff Report.